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ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION				
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Wednesday 03/19/2003 (est)	126,000	4,000	381,000	13,000
Week ago (est)	132,000	4,000	380,000	13,000
Year ago (act)	130,000	4,000	380,000	16,000
Week to date (est)	385,000	12,000	1,135,000	38,000
Same Period Last Week (est)	379,000	12,000	1,141,000	38,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	366,000	12,000	1,136,000	44,000
Previous Day Estimated	Steer and Heifer		Cow and Bull	
Tuesday	108,000		25,000	

NATIONAL DAILY BOXED BEEF CUTOUT AND BOXED BEEF CUTS - Negotiated Sales - Afternoon
USDA ESTIMATED BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES - as of 1:30pm, based on FOB Plant negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Boxed beef steady to weak on light to moderate demand and moderate offerings.
Select and Choice chuck and round steady to weak. Select rib and loin steady to weak while Choice rib and loin steady to firm. Beef trimmings lower on light to moderate demand and moderate offerings.

	CHOICE		SELECT	
	600-750#	750-900#	600-750#	750-900#
Current Cutout Values:	\$125.50	\$125.33	\$118.34	\$118.09
Change from prior day:	(\$0.01)	\$0.12	(\$0.27)	(\$0.44)
COMPOSITE PRIMAL VALUES				
Primal Rib	\$201.16	\$199.75	\$181.01	\$180.18
Primal Chuck	\$98.21	\$95.50	\$97.31	\$94.87
Primal Round	\$107.06	\$107.02	\$104.80	\$105.34
Primal Loin	\$184.30	\$188.02	\$164.46	\$166.52
Primal Brisket	\$62.29	\$62.29	\$61.21	\$61.21
Primal Short Plate	\$76.39	\$76.39	\$78.17	\$78.17
Primal Flank	\$75.62	\$75.62	\$74.58	\$74.58
LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS				
Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds
	CHOICE		SELECT	
	600-750#	750-900#	600-750#	750-900#
03/18	128	127	14	63
03/17	117	91	19	44
03/14	199	84	3	56
03/13	176	127	50	59
03/12	142	134	50	52
Current 5 Day Simple Average:	\$124.78	\$124.45	\$118.87	\$118.77

CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)				
Choice Cuts	131.55	loads	5,261,991	pounds
Select Cuts	148.75	loads	5,949,810	pounds
Trimmings	52.06	loads	2,082,211	pounds
Coarse Grinds	60.40	loads	2,415,872	pounds

Choice Cuts, Fat Limitations 1-6			# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
IMPS/FL	Sub-Primal					
107	1	Rib, Oven prepared				
109A	1	Rib, roast-ready, light				
109A	1	Rib, roast-ready, heavy	5	2,052	266.00	298.00
109E	1	Rib, ribeye, lip-on, bn-in	35	163,574	360.00	400.00
112A	3	Rib, ribeye, bnls, light	20	32,384	433.45	475.00
112A	3	Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	50	153,313	425.00	455.00
113A	1	Chuck, square-cut, 2 piece	6	21,665	109.00	118.50
113C	1	Chuck, semi-bnls, neck/off	17	264,783	113.00	122.75
113C	3	Chuck, semi-bnls, neck/off				
	3	Chuck, semi-bnls n/o sh-cut	0	0		
114	1	Chuck, shoulder clod	32	408,170	115.00	124.05
114A	3	Chuck, shoulder clod, trmd	42	440,277	125.00	139.69
	3	Chuck, Shld Clod, 2pc.split	0	0		
114E	3	Chuck, Clod, Arm Roast	0	0		
115	1	Chuck, 2-piece, boneless	14	44,579	120.46	131.00
116A	3	Chuck, roll, 1xl, neck/off	34	178,832	137.50	154.01
116B	1	Chuck, chuck tender	17	42,030	158.45	174.00
116C	1	Chuck, chuck roll				
120	1	Brisket, deckle-off, bnls	48	468,107	85.25	97.59
120A	3	Brisket, point/off, bnls	12	22,794	167.25	192.42
123A	3	Short Plate, short rib	5	9,942	304.00	315.75
130	4	Chuck, short rib	8	14,680	210.00	220.00
160	1	Round, bone-in	12	16,974	119.45	134.00
161	1	Round, boneless	20	130,865	132.00	147.00
	3	Round, bnls/peeled knuckle	0	0		
	3	Round, bnls/peeled heel-out	9	52,261	149.89	160.25
167	1	Round, knuckle	4	8,591	140.00	148.50
167A	4	Round, knuckle, peeled	54	278,548	144.90	162.44
168	1	Round, top inside round	52	360,953	118.00	136.13
168	3	Round, top inside round	21	68,286	128.00	143.00
169	5	Round, top inside, denuded	15	66,304	158.00	168.00
169A	5	Round, Top Inside, cap off				
170	1	Round, bottom gooseneck	10	8,534	126.80	137.50
171B	3	Round, outside round	44	321,253	138.00	157.25
171C	3	Round, eye of round	27	98,061	150.00	173.78
	3	Round, flat/eye, heel-out				
174	1	Loin, short loin, 2x3	9	8,739	324.05	352.53
174	3	Loin, short loin, 0xl	46	182,224	386.00	425.17
175	1	Loin, strip loin, 4x6				
175	3	Loin, strip loin, 1xl				
180	1	Loin, strip, bnls, light	0	0		
180	1	Loin, strip, bnls, heavy	6	17,884	325.00	344.24
	1	Loin, Strip Loin Bnls. 1xl	29	93,693	325.00	404.82
180	3	Loin, strip, bnls, 0xl	50	135,762	405.00	468.45
184	1	Loin, top butt, bnls, light				
184	1	Loin, top butt, bnls, heavy	35	202,922	182.00	217.70
184	3	Loin, top butt, boneless	43	185,107	204.00	235.00
184E	3	Loin, Top Butt, 2 pc. bnls	0	0		
185A	4	Loin, bottom sirloin, flap	34	169,944	210.00	238.18
185B	1	Loin, ball-tip, bnls, light	8	23,713	180.20	207.00
185B	1	Loin, ball-tip, bnls,heavy	24	34,889	203.00	225.37
185C	1	Loin, sirloin, tri-tip	11	31,290	223.00	244.17
189A	4	Loin, tndrloin, trmd, light				
189A	4	Loin, tndrloin, trmd,heavy	35	73,188	789.45	895.00
191A	4	Loin, butt tender, trimmed	6	5,870	775.00	790.79
193	4	Flank, flank steak	23	34,163	351.00	370.00

NATIONAL/REGIONAL DAILY BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF AND BEEF TRIMMINGS
- Negotiated Sales - Afternoon

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Information in this report is an aggregation of accumulative days in order to meet 3-70-20 confidentiality guidelines.

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

Compared to Tuesday's 3:00 PM Report: Boneless processing beef in all lean percentages traded weak to lower, with full load quantities trending to the lower levels. Demand light for moderate to heavy offerings. Beef trimmings lower on light to moderate demand and moderate offerings.

CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)							
Central	14.34	Loads	--		573,462	pounds	
National	71.43	Loads	--		2,857,173	pounds	

FOB Plant - Central							
	Days Included	# of Trades	Total Pounds		Price Range	Weighted Average	

Chemical Lean							
Fresh	92%						
Frozen	92%						
Fresh	90%	W	6	130,400	\$107.00	\$112.50	\$109.83
Frozen	90%	M-T-Th			\$113.00	\$123.50	\$118.17
Fresh	85%	Th			\$99.25	\$111.38	\$99.92
Frozen	85%						
Fresh	81%	F-T-W	7	43,474	\$91.28	\$99.67	\$93.89
Frozen	81%						
Fresh	75%	W-M			\$82.16	\$86.43	\$84.29
Frozen	75%						
Fresh	73%						
Frozen	73%						
Fresh	65%	W	10	399,588	\$62.00	\$63.89	\$63.06
Frozen	65%						
Bull Product							
Fresh	96%						
Frozen	96%						
Fresh	94%						
Frozen	94%						

FOB Plant - National						
	Days Included	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average	

Chemical Lean						
Fresh	92%					
Frozen	92%					
Fresh	90%	W	8	248,400	\$106.00	\$112.50
Frozen	90%	M-T-Th			\$113.00	\$123.50
Fresh	85%	W	7	83,500	\$99.50	\$110.00
Frozen	85%					\$102.52
Fresh	81%	F-T-W	7	43,474	\$91.28	\$99.67
Frozen	81%					\$93.89
Fresh	75%	W-M			\$82.16	\$86.43
Frozen	75%					\$84.29
Fresh	73%					
Frozen	73%					
Fresh	65%	W	10	399,588	\$62.00	\$63.89
Frozen	65%					\$63.06
Fresh	50%	57	2,082,211	\$43.00	\$48.00	\$44.93
Frozen	50%					
Bull Product						
Fresh	96%					
Frozen	96%					
Fresh	94%					
Frozen	94%					

Regional Breakdown:						
Central - AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, OH, OK, SD, TX						
National - all states						

Source: USDA Market News Service, Des Moines, IA

IMPORT BEEF TRADE (Australia and New Zealand) WED, MAR 19, 2003
Compared to Friday, import boneless beef prices were weak to lower on very light market activity with domestic market under pressure. Demand mostly light on light to moderate offerings. With all the pressure and talk of war, most sellers and buyers feel things will be slow until the action is over or under control. Australian and New Zealand FOB for late March through late April delivery and TIS. (%'s indicates chemical lean)

EAST COAST			
BULL MEAT:	0 - 15 days	16 - 45 days	
95%	105.00	101.00-	106.00
COW MEAT:			
95%			
90%	97.00		
CFM Pores 85 %			
Shank 85-90%	94.00	92.00	
Chuck 85%		97.00	
Beef Trim 85%			
Beef Trim 80%			
Beef Trim 75%	76.00	75.00-	78.00
Beef Trim 70%			
Beef Trim 65%			
100 % LEAN:			
Top Rounds			
Flats & Eyes	142.00		
S.P.B.			
WEST COAST			
BULL MEAT:	0 - 15 days	16 - 45 days	
95%	103.00-	103.50	
COW MEAT:			
95%			
90%	97.50		
CFM Pores 85 %			
Shank 85-90%			
Chuck 85%			
Beef Trim 85%			
Beef Trim 80%			
Beef Trim 75%			
Beef Trim 70%			
Beef Trim 65%			
100 % LEAN:			
Top Rounds	153.00		
Flats & Eyes	141.00-	143.00	
S.P.B.			

Source: USDA Market News, Des Moines, IA

WEEKLY CAF WEST COAST COW AND BULL CARCASS REPORT				
31	Loads Reported			
Compared to last week: Utility and Cutter carcasses 2.00 lower. Demand moderate for light offerings.				
Market for Week Ended: March 14, 2003				
	Lds	Price Range		
UT,brk 2-4	450#/up			
UT,bng 1-3	400#/up	16.0	69.00-	70.00
Cutter 1-2	350#/up	15.0	69.00-	70.00
Bulls YG 1	500#/up			

USDA BEEF CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE

	CH 1-3	CH 1-3	SE 1-3	SE 1-3	
Index	600-750#	750-900#	600-750#	750-900#	
Values =>	\$116.99	\$116.88	\$109.59	\$109.44	
Change =>	0.08	0.18	-0.04	-0.14	

Current Index Reflects the Equivalent of 329,640 head of cattle.

SUPPLY (Live)					
Equivalent:	\$118.99	\$118.93	\$111.35	\$111.28	154,560 Hd

DEMAND (Box)					
Equivalent:	\$115.00	\$114.83	\$107.84	\$107.59	175,080 Hd*
Live-Box Spread:	\$3.99	\$4.10	\$3.51	\$3.69	

Input Breakdown					
Five-Area Direct Cattle			Boxed Beef Cutouts		
(5 day accumulated wghtd avg)			: Ch 600-750#		
Weight			: Ch 750-900#		
Live Str:	1245	\$76.64	59,951:	Se 600-750#	\$125.33
Live Hfr:	1138	\$76.75	52,755:	Se 750-900#	\$118.09
Drstd Str:	813	\$121.83	20,350:	Current Lds:	392.8
Drstd Hfr:	735	\$121.61	21,504:	Previous Lds:	331.6

Grading % Breakdown			
Ch 600-750# :	24.54%	:	Drop Credit :
Ch 750-900# :	39.30%	:	Steer Dressing % :
Se 600-750# :	13.97%	:	Heifer Dressing % :
Se 750-900# :	22.20%	:	Processing Cost :
		:	Slaughter Cost :

*Reflects total boxed beef load count from past 5 days multiplied by 100, the average head per boxed beef load. (1) differentials based upon current premiums and discounts. Note: Index reflects simple average of live and box equivalents.

Source: USDA Market News, Des Moines, IA

NATIONAL 5-DAY ROLLING CUTTER COW CUTOUT AND BOXED COW BEEF CUTS - NEGOTIATED -
USDA ESTIMATE CUTTER COW CARCASS CUT-OUT VALUE

Based on negotiated carlot volume prices of cow cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Cutter 90% 350#/up			
Current Cutout Value:			
Change from prior day:			

Item	Price	Value	Change
90% lean	\$108.31	\$65.90	(\$1.52)
100% lean inside round	\$153.41	\$3.56	\$0.01
100% lean, flats and eyes	\$147.54	\$3.42	(\$0.03)
Chuck Tender	\$155.70	\$1.56	
Knuckle	4-7 lbs. \$139.73	\$3.54	(\$0.03)
Tenderloin	2-3 lbs. \$314.00	\$1.66	(\$0.02)
Tenderloin	3-4 lbs. \$349.34	\$2.59	(\$0.01)
Ribeye Roll	4-6 lbs. \$145.70	\$1.53	(\$0.01)
Ribeye Roll	6-8 lbs. \$160.91	\$1.19	
Ribeye Roll	8up lbs. \$155.92	\$1.14	\$0.01
Flank Steak	\$175.64	\$0.74	
Kidney, Edible	\$13.67	\$0.06	
Fat, inedible	\$10.22	\$0.24	
Bone	\$3.66	\$0.88	

USDA NATIONAL BOXED COW BEEF CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES FOB Plant basis
negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period.

CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)					
Boner/Breaker Cuts	20.47	loads	--	818,764	pounds
Cutter/Canner Cuts	7.62	loads	--	304,658	pounds
Boner/Breaker/Cutter/Canner	8.56	loads	--	342,205	pounds
100% Lean Items	12.31	loads	--	492,344	pounds

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Day
BONER/BREAKER					
112	Rib, ribeye roll, light				
112	Rib, ribeye roll, medium	15	44,000	\$176.80	(\$3.46)
112	Rib, ribeye roll, heavy	21	55,907	\$188.22	(\$1.02)
	Chuck, boneless 85%	0	0		
168	Round, top inside, light				
168	Round, top inside, medium	6	21,552	\$140.63	(\$2.41)
168	Round, top inside, heavy	3	34,400	\$120.10	(\$1.27)
169A	Round, top inside cap-off, lgt				
169A	Round, top inside cap-off, med	15	99,161	\$162.57	\$0.48
169A	Round, top inside cap-off, hvy	0	0		
171B	Round, outside round	6	78,408	\$128.81	(\$2.06)
171C	Round, eye of round	7	11,250	\$133.12	(\$8.06)
174	Loin, shortloin, lxl, light	4	36,000	\$149.17	(\$10.24)
174	Loin, shortloin, lxl, medium	13	45,153	\$163.45	\$0.87
174	Loin, shortloin, lxl, heavy	9	50,588	\$164.85	\$1.12
180	Loin, strip, bnls, light	0	0		
180	Loin, strip, bnls, medium	3	437	\$160.79	(\$3.76)
180	Loin, strip, bnls, heavy	7	42,260	\$159.11	\$2.22
182	Loin, sirloin butt	15	108,049	\$117.31	(\$0.47)
184	Loin, top sirloin butt	6	6,818	\$130.24	(\$0.29)
190	Loin, tenderloin, light	0	0		
190	Loin, tenderloin, medium	29	83,360	\$347.89	(\$15.30)
190	Loin, tenderloin heavy	29	60,304	\$340.28	\$9.00
191A	Loin, butt tender, peeled	12	15,177	\$319.12	\$2.28
CUTTER/CANNER					
112	Rib, ribeye roll, light	3	9,664	\$145.70	(\$0.92)
112	Rib, ribeye roll, medium	5	19,735	\$160.91	\$0.58
112	Rib, ribeye roll, heavy	24	157,198	\$155.92	\$1.14
190	Loin, tenderloin, light	21	53,671	\$314.00	(\$2.62)
190	Loin, tenderloin, medium	27	44,350	\$349.34	(\$2.52)
190	Loin, tenderloin, heavy	15	20,040	\$377.82	\$6.16
100% LEAN					
	Inside round	15	154,778	\$153.41	\$0.22
	Outside round	12	70,540	\$144.96	(\$2.64)
	Eye of round	7	33,900	\$158.90	
	Flats and eyes	4	56,074	\$143.93	(\$1.62)
	Striploin	11	75,524	\$174.39	\$3.30
	S.P.B.	12	101,528	\$143.34	\$1.09
BONER/BREAKER & CUTTER/CANNER					
116B	Chuck, chuck tender	18	132,351	\$155.70	(\$0.31)
167A	Round, knuckle, peeled	20	142,150	\$139.73	(\$1.45)
193	Flank, flank steak	41	67,704	\$175.64	\$0.29

Source: USDA Market News Service, Des Moines, IA

MAJOR PACKER HIDES, CURED & FLESHED				
	Lds	Price/Piece	Lds	Price/CWT
HVY NATIVE STR 60-62#		70.00	C	88.00
62-64#	12.0	69.50 - 70.00		84.75 - 85.25
63-65#				
64#Min				
64-66#				
65-67#				
66-68#				
68-70#				
NATIVE STEER 46-48#				
COL BRAND STR 61-63#				
63-65#				
64-66#		60.00	D	71.00
66-68#				
BUTT BRAND STR 60-62#		64.00	D	78.00
61-63#				
62-64#	6.0	64.00		78.00
64#Min				
65-67#				
66-68#				
NATIVE HEIFER 44-46#				
HVY NATIVE HFR 46-48#	3.0	58.00		94.25
49-51#				
50-52#	1.0	62.00		93.00
52-54#				
BRANDED HFRS 44-46#				
48-50#				
49-51#				
50-52#				
53-55#				
BRAND HFR SW 48-50#				
51-53#				
BRND COW SW 50-52#	3.0	43.00		64.50
53-55#				
BRANDED COW 48-50#				
52-54#				
NATIVE COW 48-50#				
50-52#				
DAIRY COW 47-49#		48.00	C	76.50
50-52#	5.0	50.00		75.00
NATV BULL Con 100#Avg				
110-20#				
BRND BUL SWCon100-10#				
105-15#				
BRND BULL Con 95-105#				
100-10#				

PER PIECE ONLY				
HVY TEX STEER 60-62#	48.0	66.00		
62#Min				
62-64#				
64-66#		67.00	D	
66#Min				
66-68#				
68-70#				
HVY TEX STR/HFR48-50#				
54#Min				
BRANDED STEER 60-62#	24.0	62.00		
62-64#				
64-66#		64.00	D	
(Prices per piece reflect a cured & fleshed basis, prices per hundredweight reflect a conventional basis)				

USDA BY-PRODUCT PRICE REPORT - FOB CENTRAL U.S. BASIS				
Carlota Basis - Dollars/hundredweight - as of 3:00 PM.				
BEEF VARIETY MEATS - FROZEN				
Items	Lds	Price Range	Wtd Avg	
BRAINS,				
CHEEK MEAT, trmdd, 70-75% lean	2.0	72.00 - 72.50		72.25
FEET, nails off, skin on				
HEAD MEAT, 60-70% lean				
HEAD MEAT, 70-80% lean				
HEARTS, regular, bone out		27.00		27.00 C
HEARTS, regular, bone-out exp		27.00		27.00 A
HEARTS, Canadian-Style, exp				
KIDNEYS, export	2.0	15.00		15.00
LIPS, unscaled		100.00		100.00 E
LIVERS, selected, 2/box				
selected, 2/box, export		30.00		30.00 A
selected, even weight, exp				
regular, even weight, exp				
regular, 2/box				
regular, export, 2/box		27.00		27.00 E
OXTAILS, selected, small box				
SWEETBREADS, domestic				
SWEETBREADS, export				
TONGUES, Individually Wrapped				
Swiss-Cut#1, Wht, 0-3% trm, Exp				
Swiss-Cut#1, Blk, 0-3% trm, Exp				
Swiss-Cut#1, Mxd, 0-3% trm, Exp				
Swiss-Cut#1, Mixed, 0-3% trm				
Swiss-Cut #2				
TREPAS,		33.00		33.00 A
TREPAS, export				
TRIPE, scalded, edible		21.00		21.00 E
scalded, edible, export		24.50		24.50 C
scalded, unbleached, export		33.00		33.00 A
honeycomb, bleached		85.00		85.00 A
WEASAND MEAT,				

BEEF PET FOODS - FOB SUPPLY POINT				
QUARTERLY CONTRACTS:	FRESH	CHILLED	BOXED FROZEN	
GULLETS-TRACHEA	5.00- 8.00		7.00-12.00	
KIDNEYS, inedible	5.00- 6.00		10.00	
LIVERS, "	3.00- 6.00		7.50-11.00	
LUNGS, "	1.50- 3.00		5.50- 6.75	
MELTS, "	2.00- 5.00		6.00- 7.00	
SALIVARY GLANDS	3.00- 6.00		10.50-12.50	

USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (STEER)			
The hide and offal value from a typical slaughter steer(1) for today was estimated at 7.98 per cwt live, down -0.02 when compared to Tuesday's value.			
TODAY'S CALCULATIONS FOR BY-PRODUCT VALUE (STEER) -			
Lbs	Price	Change Prv/Dy	Value
Steer hide, butt brand/Pc	5.27	64.50	- 5.06
Tallow, edible	1.20	15.75	- 0.19
Tallow, packer bleachable	4.50	15.00	- 0.68
Tongues, Swiss #1 Wht 0-3%	0.26	112.25	- 0.29
Cheek meat, trmdd	0.32	72.25	-1.75 0.23
Head meat	0.13	48.00	- 0.06
Oxtail, selected	0.16	190.00	- 0.30
Hearts, reg, bone out	0.38	27.00	- 0.10
Lips, unscaled	0.11	100.00	- 0.11
Livers, slcted, gall off	0.96	25.00	- 0.24
Tripe, scalded edible	0.65	21.00	- 0.14
Tripe, honeycomb bleached	0.15	85.00	- 0.13
Lungs, inedible	0.47	2.13	- 0.01
Melts	0.14	2.88	- 0.00
Meat bone ml, 50% blk/ton	3.70	180.50	-2.50 0.33
Blood meal, 85% blk/ton	0.60	355.00	- 0.11
Totals:	19.00		7.98
Dressed equivalent basis (63% dress):			12.67
(1) Typical slaughter steer weighs 1,275 pounds.			
The average value of hide and offal for the five days ending Fri, Mar 14, 2003, was estimated at 8.06 per cwt., down -0.09 from last week and up 0.59 from last year.			

WEEKLY USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (COW)			
The hide and offal value from a typical slaughter cow(1) for the week ended 3/14/2003, was estimated at 7.70 per cwt live, down -0.06 when compared to previous week's value.			
CALCULATIONS FOR BY-PRODUCT VALUE (COW)			
Lbs	Price	Change Prv/Wk	Value
Cow hide, branded (2)/Piece	4.75	43.00	- 3.91
Tallow, renderer blchable	3.68	15.25	-0.50 0.56
Tongues, Swiss cut, IW	0.32	136.50	- 0.44
Cheek meat, trmdd	0.43	90.25	-2.75 0.39
Head meat	0.14	74.00	1.00 0.10
Oxtail, reg, small box	0.20	183.50	-4.25 0.37
Hearts, reg, bone out	0.46	30.50	0.75 0.14
Lips, unscaled	0.13	60.50	1.25 0.08
Livers, reg, gall off (3)	0.90	28.50	- 0.26
Tripe, scalded edible, blchd	1.06	18.00	-2.50 0.19
Tripe, honeycomb bleached	0.14	93.00	- 0.13
Lungs, inedible	0.86	2.13	- 0.02
Melts	0.15	2.88	-
Meat bone ml, 50% blk/ton	10.71	183.00	2.00 0.98
Blood meal, 85% blk/ton	0.73	358.00	7.00 0.13
Totals:	24.66		7.70
Dressed equivalent basis (47% dress):			16.38
(1) Typical slaughter cow weighs 1,100 pounds.			
(2) Hide weight adjusted regularly for seasonal variation.			
(3) Reflects a 30% condemnation rate.			
REPORT BASIS - FOB Omaha or equivalent for the Midwest;			
FOB Plant for Texas and Oklahoma			

WEEKLY CENTRAL U.S. COW VARIETY MEAT PRICE REPORT				
For Week Ended: March 14, 2003			FOB PLANT	
Frozen	CARLOT/L.C.L. Basis	Lds	Price Range	Wtavg
CHEEK MEAT, Trimmed		4.5	90.00 - 93.00	90.33
FEET, unbleached, skin-on, exp				
FEET, bleached, skin-on, exp				
HEARTS, Regular, bone-out		4.5	28.00 - 36.00	30.44
HEARTS, Regular, bone-out, exp		0.3	28.50	28.50
HEARTS, Canadian-style, exp				
HEART MEAT, Bone & Cap off				
HEAD MEAT,		1.0	74.00	74.00
KIDNEY'S Export		4.5	12.50 - 16.00	13.67
LIPS, unscaled		2.5	57.50 - 65.00	60.60
LIVERS, Regular, bulk-pack				
LIVERS, Regular, bulk-pack export				
LIVERS, Regular, 2/box				
LIVERS, Regular, 2/box, export	12.0	27.00 - 30.00		28.29
MELTS,				
OXTAILS, Regular, small box	2.4	168.00 - 207.00		183.43
SALIVARY GLANDS	6.0	14.00		14.00
SWEETBREADS, export				
TONGUES, #1 white Swiss cut, IW	1.0	105.00		105.00
TONGUES, exp. #1 white Swiss cut, IW	0.9	159.00 - 182.00		179.29
TONGUES, #1 black Swiss cut, IW	1.0	130.00		130.00
TONGUES, exp. #1 black Swiss cut, IW	1.3	150.00 - 182.00		156.40
TONGUES, #1 mixed, Swiss cut, IW				
TONGUES, exp. #1 mixed, Swiss cut, IW				
TONGUES, #2 mixed Swiss cut, IW				
TONGUES, exp. #2 mixed, Swiss cut, IW	2.0	120.00 - 135.00		127.50
TONGUE Trimmings				
TRIPE, bleached, scalded, edible	5.0	17.00 - 20.00		18.00
TRIPE, bleached, scalded, edible exp				
TRIPE, unbleached, scalded, edible	2.0	38.00		38.00
TRIPE, honeycomb bleached				
TRIPE, honeycomb unbleached				
TREPAS,				
WEASAND MEAT				

*** Effective March 31, 2003, negotiated base price (NBP) as well as FOB and Total FOB lines on Fresh seedless pork bellies skin-on will be removed. These will be replaced by a one line item description followed by the price quotes which represent negotiated prices on an FOB basis. Any questions should be directed to the Des Moines Office. ***
USDA NATIONAL CARLOT PORK REPORT as of 3:00 P.M. Negotiated Purchases Equated to FOB Omaha Basis unless otherwise stated. Compared to Tuesday's Close: Fresh loins steady to 1.00 lower; butts steady to 4.00 lower; sknd. hams 17-20 lbs. 1.00 higher, 20-27 lbs. mostly steady; sdls. bellies not tested; lean trimmings steady. Trading slow to moderate, with light to moderate demand and offerings.

Loads PORK CUTS : 100.75
Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 13.0

USDA ESTIMATED PORK CARCASS CUTOUT
Based on FOB Omaha carlot pork prices and industry yields.
Calculations for a 185 lb Pork Carcass
51-52% lean, 0.80"-0.99" backfat at last rib

Total		Today's		Primal		Cutout Values			
Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly	
03/19	113.8	57.47	70.14	43.14	30.16	113.02	47.24	86.78	
Change :		-0.55	-0.66	0.14	-1.35	-0.00	-0.95	-0.00	
03/18	92.5	58.02	70.80	43.01	31.51	113.02	48.19	86.78	
03/17	39.3	56.38	69.65	43.41	32.41	109.16	44.14	84.83	
03/14	63.0	56.00	69.15	42.29	32.43	109.16	43.58	84.83	
03/13	63.0	55.12	68.33	39.51	32.39	109.16	43.32	82.88	
Current Five Day Simple Average -		56.60	69.61	42.27	31.78	110.70	45.29	85.22	

NOTE: Value may change without adequate test. A detailed description of the cutout is available upon request.

FRESH PORK CUTS		PRICE RANGE		WGHTD AVG.	
LOINS, BONE-IN -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				70.14	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
1/4" Trim 21#DN-LGT	16.0	93.00 -	98.00	95.75	
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	1.5	102.00		102.00	
1/4" Bladeless					
1/4" Trim 21#/UP-MED		94.00 -	95.00	94.17 A	
Combos 26/Up#(SOW)					
LOINS,CNTRCUT,10-11 RIB,1/4"TRM					
Tender-in FLO 8-13#		134.00 -	135.00	134.50 D	
Tender-out FLO 8-13#					
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	6.5	135.00	135.00	135.00	
BNLS Strap-off 5-11#		161.00 -	167.00	163.00 A	
WHLE BNLS LOINS 9-13#		118.00		118.00 D	
BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1.5#		105.00		105.00 C	
BONE-IN SIR 2.5-3.5#	0.25	61.00		61.00	
BLADE ENDS 2-4#	0.25	56.00		56.00	
TENDERLOIN 1.25/DN#	0.25	190.00		190.00	
LOIN BACKRIB (BOXED)					
FRESH	1.5/DN#				
"	1.75/DN#				
"	1.75-2.00#				
"	2.00/UP#	264.00 -	300.00	278.73 E	
FROZEN	1.5/DN#				
"	1.75/DN#	252.00		252.00 D	
"	1.75-2.00#	274.00		274.00 B	
"	2.00/UP#				
PICNIC -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				30.16	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
Smkr Trm, RS, combo		32.00		32.00 A	
Smkr Trm, SS, combo					
Smkr Trm, SS, boxed	0.5	45.00		45.00	
PICNIC CUSHION MEAT					
Boxed 92% Fresh	2.0	79.00		79.00	
Boxed 92% Frozen		79.00		79.00 A	
BOSTON BUTT -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				43.14	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
1/4" TRM 5-10#	12.0	55.00 -	59.00	56.92	
1/8" TRM 5-10#					
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	4.0	65.00		65.00	
1/8" Trim Stk Rdy					
BNLS, Butt		65.00		65.00 D	
Combo's 11/UP#(SOW)					
SPARERIB -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				113.02	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	0.5	124.00		124.00	
COMBOS 4.25#/DN-LGT					
2 BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/UP-MED	3.5	107.00 -	111.00	109.57	
COMBOS 4.25#/UP-MED					
SKINNED HAM -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				47.24	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
BONE-IN TRIMMED					
17-20# TRIM SPEC 1	4.0	58.00	58.00	58.00	
20-23# TRIM SPEC 1	27.5	52.00 -	53.00	52.18	
23-27# TRIM SPEC 1	17.0	49.00		49.00	
BONE-IN 27#/up Trim Spec					
BNLS 3 MUSCLE HAMS 94-96%					
BNLS 4 MUSCLE HAMS 94-96%	5.0	97.50		97.50	
BNLS 5 MUSCLE HAMS 94-96%				unq	
INSIDE					
OUTSIDE					
KNUCKLE					
LITE BUTT					
INNER SHANK					
HAM TRIMMINGS (CHEM LEAN)					
Combo 72% Fresh		32.00		32.00 C	
Boxed 72% Frozen					
Combo 90% Fresh					
Boxed 90% Frozen					
Outer Shank Frozen					
BELLY, SEEDLESS -----					
Primal Cutout Value =				86.78	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----		Wghtd Avg.	
SKIN-ON, TRMD 10-12#					
SKIN-ON, TRIMMED 12-14#					
FOB Negotiated					
Negotiated Base Price					
Total on FOB Basis		87.00		87.00 A	
SKIN-ON, TRIMMED 14-16#					
FOB Negotiated					
Negotiated Base Price					
Total on FOB Basis		89.00		89.00 A	
SKIN-ON, TRIMMED 16-18#					
FOB Negotiated					
Negotiated Base Price					
Total on FOB Basis		87.00		87.00 A	
SKIN-ON, TRMD 18-20#					
SKIN-ON, TRMD 20-25#					

TRIMMINGS/BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (CHEMICAL LEAN)		FOB BASIS	
-----Lds-----		Price Range-----	
Wghtd Avg.			
Combo 42% Fresh	2.0	21.00 21.00	
Boxed 42% Frozen			
Combo 72% Fresh	6.5	32.00 -	33.00 32.46
Boxed 72% Frozen		38.00 -	39.00 38.25 A
BONELESS PICNIC MEAT			
Combo 72% Fresh	3.5	42.00 -	45.00 43.71
Boxed 72% Frozen		50.00 50.00 A	
SKINNED JOWLS			
Combo Fresh	1.0	21.00 21.00	
Boxed Frozen		25.00 25.00 E	
FAT, VISUAL TRACE OF LEAN			
Combo Fresh		17.50 -	18.00 17.75 A
Boxed Frozen			
TRIM, VISUAL TRACE OF LEAN			
Combo 12-16% Fresh			
Boxed 12-16% Frozen			

NORTH AMERICAN EXPORTS			
HAMS, BONE-IN 23-27# TS 1	2.0	49.00	49.00

Specifications for all reported cuts available upon request

STANDARD ADJUSTMENTS FOR CONVERTING TO VACUUM BASIS	
Loins (13-23#'s):	
Vacpak : report basis	Butts (4-9#'s):
Gas Pak : minus \$2.00	Vacpak : report basis
Paper : minus \$5.00	Gas Pak : no price differential
Combo : minus \$6.00	Paper : minus \$3.00
	Combo : minus \$4.00
Spareribs: Adjustments for Trim -	
Vacpak : report basis	Bone-in Center Cut Loins:
Polywrap: minus \$7.00	False Lean Off : basis
Tenderloins:	False Lean On : minus \$5.00
Vacpak : report basis	Boneless Center Cut Loins:
Polywrap: minus \$10.00	1/4" Trim : report basis
	1/8" Trim : add \$6.00

ABCDE after quotes represents days since last actual market test. Quotes are dropped after 5 days of no test or before if they no longer reflect current market conditions.

USDA BY-PRODUCT PRICE REPORT - FOB CENTRAL U.S. BASIS				
Carlot Basis - Dollars/hundredweight - as of 3:00 PM.				
PORK VARIETY MEATS - FROZEN -----				
Items	Lds	Price Range	Wtg Avg	
NECK Bones		13.00 -	14.00	13.33 D
Brisket Bones Full, 10#			64.00	64.00 B
Brisket Bones Full, 30#				
Brisket Bones Full, exp 30#				
TAILS,				
BRAINS, 30# Bulk				
CHEEK MEAT, trimmed	3.0	50.00	50.00	
CHITTERLINGS, 10 lb. pail		30.00	30.00	A
EARS, Pet Treat, 3-4/lb		68.00	68.00	A
FEET, front, toes on		17.00 -	25.00	19.93 A
" 1 load traded at 20.00 for mid April				
FEET, front, toes on, export				
HEARTS, slashed, domestic		20.00	20.00	D
HEARTS, slashed, export		20.00	20.00	A
HEARTS, whole, export		21.00	21.00	B
HOCKS, picnic	1.0	15.00	15.00	
KIDNEYS, large box, export				
small box, export				
LIVERS, large box, export				
large box, domestic				
SALIVARY GLANDS,	2.0	13.00	13.00	
SKINS, Belly, flat-pk. slctd			unq	
SNOUTS, partial Lean		32.00	32.00	C
STOMACHS, scalded, small box				
scalded, small box, export		30.50	30.50	B
TONGUES,				
green, bnls, small box		50.50	50.50	A
green, bnls, small box, exp				
green, bnls, tip-on exp				
scalded & scraped				
UTERI				
----- PORK SKINS FRESH IN COMBO - FOB SUPPLY POINT -----				
QUARTERLY CONTRACTS:				
BELLY SKINS, SELECTED	9.25-13.50	mostly	10.50-13.50	
FATBACK SKINS, SELECTED	9.25-13.50	mostly	10.75-13.50	
HAM COLLAR SKINS, SELECTED	10.75-13.50			
HAM SKINS, HOUSE RUN	6.00- 9.00			
PICNIC SKINS, HOUSE RUN	7.00- 9.00			
JOWL SKINS, HOUSE RUN	7.00- 7.75			
----- PORK PET FOODS - FOB SUPPLY POINT -----				
QUARTERLY CONTRACTS:				
KIDNEYS, inedible	FRESH 5.00- 6.00	CHILLED	BOXED FROZEN	
LIVERS, "	4.50- 7.25		-	
LUNGS, "	1.00- 2.50		11.00-12.00	
MELTS, "	4.00- 5.00		6.50- 7.00	
			7.50- 9.00	

IOWA/MINNESOTA DAILY DIRECT HOGS - Afternoon
Wednesday, March 19, 2003 (as of 1:30 PM)

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES (Including Packer-sold)
Barrows & Gilts (Carcass Basis): 6,380
Barrows and Gilts compared to prior day's close, weak.

Base Price Range \$40.00 - \$50.00, weighted average \$47.64

Base Market Hog 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered
(0.9-1.1 inch back-fat, 6 square inch loin/2.0 depth)

IOWA/MINNESOTA DAILY DIRECT NEGOTIATED HOG PURCHASES MATRIX						
185 lb Carcass Basis (Defined by Muscle and Fat)						
LOIN AREA/DEPTH (INCHES)						
BACK-FAT	4.0/1.4	5.0/1.7	6.0/2.0	7.0/2.3	8.0/2.7	
0.4	42.50 55.00	44.00 55.00	45.50 55.28	46.50 55.28	46.50 55.28	
0.5	40.00 54.50	42.50 54.50	45.50 55.00	46.50 55.00	46.50 55.28	
0.6	40.00 53.50	42.50 54.50	44.00 54.50	45.50 55.00	46.50 55.00	
0.7	40.00 52.25	40.00 53.50	42.50 53.50	45.50 54.50	46.50 54.50	
0.8	38.00 52.25	40.00 52.25	42.50 53.50	44.00 53.50	46.50 54.50	
0.9	38.00 50.18	40.00 50.18	40.00 52.25	42.50 52.25	45.50 53.50	
1.0	37.00 50.18	38.00 50.18	40.00 50.18	42.50 50.18	44.00 52.25	
1.1	36.00 47.00	38.00 48.75	40.00 48.75	40.00 50.00	44.00 50.00	
1.2	36.00 47.00	37.00 47.00	38.00 47.00	40.00 48.75	40.64 48.75	
1.4	32.50 42.84	34.49 43.78	34.49 45.20	34.49 46.14	34.49 47.08	

SOWS (Plant Delivered)
Sows Purchased (Live and Carcass Basis): 2,030

Weight Range	Head Count	Avg Weight	Price Range*	Wtd Avg
(Live Basis) 300-449 lbs.	1,108	401.52	15.51-32.55	24.76
450-499 lbs.	196	466.98	18.00-29.85	22.97
500/up lbs.	726	567.51	28.65-34.55	31.34

*Price may include transportation costs.

PURCHASE ALL TYPES: BY STATE OF ORIGIN

Iowa	63,200	Minnesota	24,160
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WESTERN CORNBELT DAILY DIRECT HOGS - Afternoon
Wednesday, March 19, 2003 (As of 1:30 PM)

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES (Including Packer-sold)
Barrows & Gilts (Carcass Basis): 10,184
Barrows and Gilts compared to prior day's close, weak to .50 lower.

Base Price Range \$40.00 - \$50.36, weighted average \$47.90

Base Market Hog 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered
(0.9-1.1 inch back-fat, 6 square inch loin/2.0 depth)

WESTERN CORNBELT DAILY DIRECT NEGOTIATED HOG PURCHASES MATRIX						
185 lb Carcass Basis (Defined by Muscle and Fat)						
LOIN AREA/DEPTH (INCHES)						
BACK-FAT	4.0/1.4	5.0/1.7	6.0/2.0	7.0/2.3	8.0/2.7	
0.4	42.50 55.36	44.00 55.36	45.50 55.86	46.50 55.86	46.50 55.86	
0.5	40.00 54.86	42.50 54.86	45.50 55.36	46.50 55.36	46.50 55.86	
0.6	40.00 53.86	42.50 54.86	44.00 54.86	45.50 55.36	46.50 55.36	
0.7	40.00 52.61	40.00 53.86	42.50 53.86	45.50 54.86	46.50 54.86	
0.8	38.00 52.61	40.00 52.61	42.50 53.86	44.00 53.86	46.50 54.86	
0.9	38.00 50.36	40.00 50.36	40.00 52.61	42.50 52.61	45.50 53.86	
1.0	37.00 50.18	38.00 50.36	40.00 50.36	42.50 50.36	44.00 52.61	
1.1	36.00 47.36	38.00 49.11	40.00 49.11	40.00 50.36	44.00 50.36	
1.2	36.00 47.36	37.00 47.36	38.00 47.36	40.00 49.11	40.64 49.11	
1.4	32.50 42.84	34.49 43.78	34.49 45.36	34.49 46.14	34.49 47.36	

SOWS (Plant Delivered)
Sows Purchased (Live and Carcass Basis): 2,694

Weight Range	Head Count	Avg Weight	Price Range*	Wtd Avg
(Live Basis) 300-449 lbs.	1,330	403.05	15.51-32.55	24.67
450-499 lbs.	433	468.01	18.00-29.85	23.28
500/up lbs.	931	566.65	28.65-34.55	31.54

*Price may include transportation costs.

PURCHASE ALL TYPES: BY STATE OF ORIGIN

Iowa	63,200	Kansas	2,557
Minnesota	24,160	Missouri	3,551
Nebraska	12,277	South Dakota	2,143

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOGS - Afternoon
Wednesday, March 19, 2003 (as OF 1:30 PM)

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES (Including Packer-sold)
Barrows & Gilts (Carcass Basis): 20,387
Barrows and Gilts compared to prior day's close, .50 lower.

Base Price Range \$40.00 - \$50.36, weighted average \$47.65

Base Market Hog 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered
(0.9-1.1 inch back-fat, 6 square inch loin/2.0 depth)

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT NEGOTIATED HOG PURCHASES MATRIX						
185 lb Carcass Basis (Defined by Muscle and Fat)						
LOIN AREA/DEPTH (INCHES)						
BACK-FAT	4.0/1.4	5.0/1.7	6.0/2.0	7.0/2.3	8.0/2.7	
0.4	42.50 55.36	44.00 55.36	45.50 55.86	46.50 56.39	46.50 57.36	
0.5	40.00 54.86	42.50 54.86	45.50 55.36	46.50 55.52	46.50 56.48	
0.6	40.00 53.86	42.50 54.86	44.00 54.86	45.50 55.36	46.50 55.61	
0.7	40.00 52.61	40.00 53.86	42.50 53.86	45.50 54.86	46.50 54.86	
0.8	38.00 52.61	40.00 52.61	42.50 53.86	44.00 53.86	46.50 54.86	
0.9	38.00 50.36	40.00 50.50	40.00 52.61	42.50 52.61	45.50 53.86	
1.0	37.00 50.18	38.00 50.36	40.00 50.50	42.50 51.16	44.00 52.61	
1.1	36.00 48.75	38.00 49.35	40.00 49.95	40.00 50.55	44.00 51.35	
1.2	36.00 48.15	37.00 48.75	38.00 49.35	40.00 49.95	40.64 50.75	
1.4	32.50 47.00	34.49 47.60	34.49 48.20	34.49 48.80	34.49 49.60	

SOWS (Plant Delivered)
Sows Purchased (Live and Carcass Basis): 4,335

Weight Range	Head Count	Avg Weight	Price Range*	Wtd Avg
(Live Basis) 300-449 lbs.	2,058	400.28	15.51-32.55	25.18
450-499 lbs.	714	469.44	18.00-30.28	25.01
500/up lbs.	1,561	561.45	28.46-34.55	31.33

*Price may include transportation costs.

PURCHASE ALL TYPES: BY STATE OF ORIGIN

Alabama	903	Arkansas	264
Canada	1,325	Colorado	300
Delaware	50	Georgia	1,037
Illinois	15,234	Indiana	16,237
Iowa	63,200	Kansas	2,557
Kentucky	1,037	Maryland	320
Michigan	6,458	Minnesota	24,160
Mississippi	1,728	Missouri	3,551
Montana	406	Nebraska	12,277
North Carolina	6,242	North Dakota	140
Ohio	11,338	Pennsylvania	2,997
South Carolina	839	South Dakota	2,143
Tennessee	1,181	Texas	458
Utah	1,188	Virginia	98
Washington	170	Wisconsin	1,683

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE
Slaughter Data for Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Barrows and Gilts (Live and Carcass Basis): 355,639

	NEGOTIATED	OTHER MARKET FORMULA	SWINE OR PORK MARKET FORMULA	OTHER PURCHASE ARRAGMENT	TOTALS/ WTD AVG
Producer Sold:					
HEAD COUNT	51,129	23,415	143,515	66,067	284,126
CARCASS BASE PRICE	48.47	51.55	47.49	53.19	49.42
AVERAGE NET PRICE	49.58	54.28	50.81	55.51	52.00
AVERAGE LIVE WT	258.31	263.33	263.58	258.33	261.89
AVERAGE CARCASS WT	195.64	201.74	199.42	198.82	198.83
AVERAGE SORT LOSS	-1.32	-0.81	-1.08	-0.91	-1.05
AVERAGE BACKFAT	0.75	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.73
AVERAGE LOIN DEPTH (LD)	2.21	2.38	2.47	2.25	2.38
LOINEYE AREA (LD Converted)	6.63	7.15	7.43	6.74	7.14
AVERAGE LEAN PERCENT	53.51	53.68	54.61	54.53	54.31
(Packer Buying Programs)					

-----Packer

Sold: TOTALS/WTD AVG

All Purchase Types

HEAD COUNT	7,483
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-----Packer

Owned: TOTALS/WTD AVG

HEAD COUNT	64,030
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MEASUREMENTS BASED ON SLAUGHTER DATA REPORTED:

Prior Slaughter Day's Average Market Hog for Tue, Mar 18, 2003:

198.27 lbs carcass; BF 0.73; LD 2.34; LEA 7.03; FFLLI 51.70%

CARCASS-BASED PURCHASES:

Wtd Avg Base \$49.44

Wtd Avg Net Price \$52.04

-----SOWS

(ALL PURCHASE TYPES - Live and Carcass Basis):

	NEGOTIATED	TOTAL ALL SOWS
HEAD COUNT	6,169	7,389

BASE PRICE(LIVE BASIS)	WTD AVG ALL PURCHASE TYPE
300-449	26.05
450-499	25.45
500 & up	31.00

26.46
25.91
31.08

AVERAGE LIVE WT

300-449	401.04	403.73
450-499	467.07	469.02
500 & up	556.04	556.37

Please refer to www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_hg201.txt for further report details.

IOWA/CENTRAL US DIRECT DELIVERED FEEDER PIGS: W/E MAR 14, 2003
WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PRICES ON A DELIVERED FARM TO FARM BASIS

RECEIPTS THIS WEEK:	86,011	LAST WEEK:	80,906
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TRENDS COMPARED TO LAST WEEK: Early weaned pigs steady to 1.00 lower, 40-50 pound feeder pigs steady to 1.00 higher. Demand moderate on moderate offerings. Receipts include 50% early weaned pigs and an estimated 41% formulated.

LOT SIZE	NUMBER OF HEAD	PRICE/HEAD	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE
EARLY WEANED PIGS 10 POUNDS BASIS: ESTIMATED 50-54% LEAN VALUE			
250 head or less	905	24.00-33.50	\$29.75
250-750	9987	24.00-33.50	\$30.95
750 or more	32055	24.00-33.50	\$29.70
Total Composite	42947	24.00-33.50	\$29.99

FEEDER PIGS 40 POUNDS BASIS: ESTIMATED 50-54% LEAN VALUE

250 head or less	449	42.00-52.00	\$48.90
250-750	8210	46.00-52.00	\$49.71
750 or more	8160	49.49-53.82	\$52.20
Total Composite	16819	42.00-53.82	\$50.89

FEEDER PIGS 45 POUNDS BASIS: ESTIMATED 50-54% LEAN VALUE

250-750	250	50.00-50.00	\$50.00
750 or more	18650	47.00-52.50	\$51.23
Total Composite	18900	47.00-52.50	\$51.21

FEEDER PIGS 50 POUNDS BASIS: ESTIMATED 50-54% LEAN VALUE

250-750	1000	49.13-52.50	\$50.86
750 or more	1960	47.69-55.00	\$52.17
Total Composite	2960	47.69-55.00	\$51.73

FEEDER PIGS 55 POUNDS BASIS: ESTIMATED 50-54% LEAN VALUE

250 head or less	115	52.50-52.50	\$52.50
250-750	4270	52.00-54.50	\$53.36
Total Composite	4385	52.00-54.50	\$53.34

Prices are quoted on a per head basis delivered to the buyers' farm in Iowa, Illinois, Southern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Eastern Nebraska, and Eastern South Dakota. These prices include freight and fees on a farm to farm basis. Early weaned pigs are under 19 days old. Estimated lean value is projected to use slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions.

NATIONAL DAILY BASE LEAN HOG CARCASS SLAUGHTER COST FOR TUE, MAR 18, 2003
This report includes Volume, Weighted Average Carcass Weight & Base Cost Base Cost (Packer Buying Programs)

		Avg.		0.80-0.99		0.65-0.79	
Date	Head Count	Weight	Percent Lean:	49-50%	51-52%	53-54%	
03/18/03	171,323	198.97	47.31	49.20	51.37		
03/17/03	151,538	199.23	47.43	49.30	51.49		
03/14/03	177,829	199.07	47.21	49.11	51.20		
03/13/03	163,214	199.89	47.12	49.10	51.25		
03/12/03	162,397	198.34	46.60	48.52	50.68		
03/11/03	166,013	198.54	46.26	48.15	50.28		

WEEKLY NATIONAL DAILY BASE LEAN HOG CARCASS SLAUGHTER COST For Week Ended:

03/14/03	826,058	199.01	46.67	48.58	50.71
02/21/03	814,815	198.57	46.39	48.28	50.39
03/22/02	909,514	199.33	46.84	48.81	50.96

MONTHLY NATIONAL DAILY BASE LEAN HOG CARCASS SLAUGHTER COST For: February 2003

3,290,721	198.84	46.28	48.16	50.29
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The values in the base cost lean calculations are determined by individual packer's lean value buying programs, which are based on the backfat and 6 to 7 square inch loineye area both measured at the 10th rib. The calculations include Producer and Packer Sold negotiated and swine or pork market formula data from the National Prior Day Slaughtered Swine Report, IM_HG201.txt.

USDA CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT
Northeast and North Central Basis

Compared to trading last week: Northeast special fed veal trading mostly steady on light to moderate demand and offerings. North Central special fed veal hide on not tested and hide off trading steady on light to moderate demand and offerings.

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS			
Hide-On, 240-300 Lbs.			
	Northeast	225 head	
	North Central	616 head	-
Hide-Off, 215-275 Lbs.			
	Northeast	186.00 - 193.00	
	North Central	185.00 - 190.00	

CONTRACT INFORMATION: Hot Basis, Hide-Off
(As of March 19, 2003)
Contract calves slaughtered this week: 185.00-204.00.
Packers base market 180.00-190.00. Future contracts offered: Firm Bottom 178.00-182.00, Firm Top 198.00-200.00. Firm Bottom, 180.00, Split Half Top 200.00. Fixed 183.00 and 184.00.

* North Central = OH, IN, IL, MI, & WI
* Northeast = MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT, & VT

WEEKLY BOXED VEAL CUTS REPORT, SPECIAL FED, NORTH CENTRAL AREA
(OH, IN, IL, MI & WI) Market for: Tue Mar 18, 2003
FOB Major Production Points

Compared to Last Week: Boxed veal leg cuts trading weak to lower and other cuts generally steady on very light demand. Movement continues very slow on light to moderate offerings.

Items	Wght Range	Price Range	Trend
Forequarters	42-59 lbs	175.00 - 185.00	Stdy
Kosher Foresaddles	90-110 lbs		
Hindquarters	46-64 lbs	330.00 - 355.00	Stdy
Loins, 4x4, trmd	12-18 lbs	470.00 - 490.00	Stdy
Strip Loins, bnls, 0x0	5-up lbs	980.00 -1040.00	Stdy
Loin, Short Tenderloin	1-up lbs	925.00 -1000.00	Stdy
Hotel Racks, 7 rib	14-20 lbs	470.00 - 480.00	Stdy
Rack, Ribeye	2-4 lbs	1235.00 -1285.00	Stdy
Chuck, square cut	36-47 lbs	110.00 - 115.00	Stdy
Chuck rolls, trimmed	9-13 lbs	250.00 - 280.00	Stdy
Shoulder Clod, drop	14-20 lbs	290.00 - 320.00	Stdy
Legs, single	35-45 lbs	310.00 - 340.00	Stdy
Legs, slices, retail		500.00 - 535.00	Stdy
Legs, TBS 3-piece	24-32 lbs	670.00 - 685.00	Stdy
Legs, BHS heel-out	27-35 lbs	400.00 - 435.00	Weak-lower
Top Rnd, Trmd, cap-off	8-10 lbs	700.00 - 760.00	Weak-lower
Leg, butt tenderloin	.5-up lbs	875.00 - 910.00	Stdy
Breasts	10-12 lbs	60.00 - 80.00	weak
Osso Buco, foreshank		375.00 - 405.00	Stdy
Osso Buco, hindshank		650.00 - 695.00	Stdy
Bnls Veal Trimings 75-80% Lean		70.00 - 85.00	Weak-lower

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIVE/LCL EAST COAST AREA VEAL CUTS TRADE
SPECIAL FED; Market for: Tue Mar 18, 2003

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK: Distributive special fed veal cuts are trading generally steady to occasionally weak to lower on round and loin cuts. Retail trading slow, with light to moderate demand and foodservice demand light on light to moderate offerings.

Items	Wght Range	Price Range	Trend
Carcass, hide off	200-250 lbs	220.00 - 240.00	Stdy
Foresaddles	85-110 lbs	170.00 - 185.00	Stdy
Kosher Foresaddles	90-110 lbs	195.00 - 205.00	Stdy
Hindsaddles	85-115 lbs	280.00 - 300.00	Stdy-weak
Loins, regular	17-25 lbs	235.00 - 275.00	Stdy-weak
Loins, 4x4, trmd	12-18 lbs	390.00 - 450.00	Stdy
Hotel Racks, 8 rib	15-21 lbs	425.00 - 460.00	Stdy
Hotel Racks, 7 rib	14-20 lbs	465.00 - 480.00	Stdy
Hotel Racks, 6 rib	13-17 lbs	525.00 - 545.00	Stdy
Chuck, square cut	36-47 lbs	115.00 - 125.00	Stdy
Shoulder, full	14-20 lbs	135.00 - 175.00	Stdy
Legs, double	70-90 lbs	275.00 - 295.00	Weak-lower
Legs, TBS 3-piece	24-32 lbs	575.00 - 635.00	Stdy
Legs, BHS heel-out	27-35 lbs	350.00 - 415.00	Weak-lower
Top Rnd, Trmd, cap-off	8-10 lbs	725.00 - 800.00	Stdy
Breast	10-12 lbs	75.00 - 90.00	Stdy
Necks, bone-in	24-28 lbs	100.00 - 125.00	Stdy
Stew Meat, regular		200.00 - 225.00	Stdy
Bnls Veal Trimings 75-80% Lean		52.00 - 61.50	Stdy
Hvy Nature Green Hides(per piece)		39.00 - 41.00	Stdy
* North Central = OH, IN, IL, MI, & WI			
* Northeast = MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT, & VT			

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS REPORT - WEDNESDAY
Carlot volume negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis, hind trotters-off.
Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4	Head	18,293
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
30-DN	8	374.75
30-40#	97	244.21
40-45#	143	210.93
45-50#	475	202.11
50-55#	793	200.52
55-60#	1,823	197.63
60-65#	2,910	195.66
65-75#	5,664	192.23
75-85#	4,815	192.46
85-UP	1,565	193.77
CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5	Head	172
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
65-DN	0	-
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		
CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB	Head	62
UNGRADED	Head	523
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	149	172.98
45-55#	35	136.57
55-65#	78	104.71
65-75#	166	133.24
75-85#	26	132.38
85-UP	69	111.62

CENTRAL U.S. DAILY LAMB CARCASS REPORT
Carlot volume negotiated sales delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis, hind trotters-off. Central includes CO, IA, TX.

Today's trades not reportable because they did not meet the 3/70/20 guideline for carcass lambs. Below is the last reported market as of 03/18/2003.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4	Price Range	Wt Avg
\Weight		
30-DN	-	
30-40#	-	
40-45#	*190.00 - 190.00	190.00*
45-50#	*190.00 - 204.00	194.90*
50-55#	*190.00 - 204.00	194.28*
55-60#	*190.00 - 204.00	193.43*
60-65#	*190.00 - 204.00	193.01*
65-75#	*190.00 - 204.00	191.85*
75-85#	*190.00 - 198.00	193.27*
85-UP	*190.00 - 198.00	194.37*

USDA ESTIMATED NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS CUTOUT (Based on weighted average prices and industry cutting yields)				
CUTS	FOB PLANT PRICE	CHANGE	PERCENT OF CARCASS	LBS.
FORESADDLE				
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	702.47	-0.40	10.51%	7.35
209 BREAST **	49.15	-1.31	9.06%	6.34
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	168.95	1.27	23.65%	16.56
210 FORESHANK	247.76	2.65	3.86%	2.70
NECK **	58.02	0.00	2.06%	1.44
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	412.76	8.11	10.65%	7.46
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	40.95	1.50	3.51%	2.46
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	237.03	1.80	31.42%	21.99
GROSS CARCASS VALUE				
	248.85	1.72	94.72%	66.31
FORESADDLE VALUE	262.45	0.49	49.14%	34.40
HINDSADDLE VALUE	263.00	3.25	45.58%	31.91

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$30.00
NET CARCASS VALUE 218.85 1.72

* Shrink and trim of 3.69#'s not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass
Weight: 70 lbs. for W/E 03/01/2003
*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

NATIONAL 5-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE BOXED LAMB CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES
FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume -					
Fresh Cuts	1,443,656 lbs				
Frozen Cuts	230,766 lbs				
Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades. FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS					
IMPS	Sub-Primal	# OF Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/dn	12	3,210	\$234.92	0.87
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	14	4,759	\$231.47	-0.93
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 65/up	0			
202	Foresaddle	29	6,960	\$149.33	0.15
203	Bracelet	0			
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	74	18,303	\$681.40	-6.71
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	50	22,286	\$702.47	-0.40
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	21	7,015	\$725.93	-0.90
204A	Rack, chined	43	14,016	\$796.81	-9.76
204B	Rack, roast-ready	17	8,668	\$971.69	5.97
204C	Rack, rst-rdy, frnchd	102	15,754	\$1,352.72	8.59
204D	Rack, rst-rdy, spcl	9	2,097	\$1,815.55	49.03
206	Shoulders	83	87,883	\$141.77	1.35
207	Shoulders, sq-cut	174	260,479	\$168.95	1.26
208	Shoulders, sq-cut, bn	8	621	\$316.86	-1.50
209	Breast	77	98,388	\$52.88	-3.75
209A	Ribs, Breast bns off	12	3,011	\$200.23	-0.18
210	Foreshank	215	36,197	\$247.76	2.64
229	Hindsaddle, long-cut	6	473	\$291.59	-3.03
230	Hindsaddle	13	5,994	\$241.67	0.50
231	Loins	24	3,178	\$321.40	6.31
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	126	29,706	\$412.76	8.11
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	0			
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	28	15,185	\$601.23	12.73
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	9	4,048	\$662.64	0.00
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	23	3,604	\$438.03	-0.16
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	17	9,936	\$609.88	11.85
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	25	11,533	\$667.68	3.96
232C	Loin, bnls, tied	7	121	\$1,018.82	-0.27
232E	Flank, untrimmed	9	7,274	\$45.23	-0.13
233	Legs	134	80,010	\$226.39	1.50
233A	Leg, trotter-off	165	74,311	\$237.03	1.80
233C	Leg, trtrr-off, pt bn	39	11,820	\$336.55	10.08
233E	Leg, steamship	15	6,707	\$303.57	9.13
233F	Hindshank	92	16,780	\$244.32	1.15
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	172	112,539	\$352.01	0.28
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	35	17,729	\$347.40	1.39
234B	Leg, 2-way bnls	18	6,808	\$345.49	21.92
234C	Leg, bottom, bnls	0			
234D	Leg, outside, bnls	0			
234E	Leg, inside, bnls	68	9,267	\$447.72	-1.33
234F	Leg, sirloin tip, bnl	0			
234G	Sirloin, boneless	20	3,122	\$402.46	5.15
235	Back				
236	Back, trimmed	13	3,035	\$573.66	1.61
238	Trimings	12	3,610	\$131.34	-1.35
239	Special trimmings	9	1,900	\$170.18	1.85
244	Loin, bnlss, 3-way	0			
245	Sirloin	0			
246	Tenderloin				
295	Lamb for stewing	67	12,938	\$326.52	-2.34
296	Ground lamb	74	10,989	\$267.48	0.24

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS				
IMPS	Sub-Primal	# OF Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	4	6,783	\$623.81
209	Breast	9	58,134	\$45.42
210	Foreshank	3	95	\$249.11
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	5	6,488	\$344.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	4	23,395	\$171.68
233E	Leg, steamship	5	629	\$258.54
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	9	21,612	\$237.93
234E	Leg, inside, bnls	18	1,678	\$453.65
239	Special trimmings	3	6,315	\$62.95
295	Lamb for stewing	7	1,640	\$266.99
296	Ground lamb	8	962	\$192.64

SPECIAL REPORTS

BROILER-FRYER SLAUGHTER under federal inspection for 19-Mar-2003 is estimated to be 31,029,000 UP 1.11 percent from a week ago and UP 4.5 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,689,000; last year 29,681,000)

WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY MARCH 10 - 16, 2003

National Weather Summary **Volume 90, No. 11**
March 9 - 15, 2003

Highlights: Spring-like weather suddenly replaced a wintry pattern from the Plains into the Midwest, as very warm conditions in the West expanded to encompass much of the Nation by week's end. In the West, weekly temperatures generally ranged from 4 to 12 degrees F above normal. Despite the warming trend, beneficially wet weather continued across the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies. Toward week's end, heavy precipitation spread southward through the Pacific Coast States, reaching southern California. Meanwhile, cold weather lingered for much of the week across the northern Plains and Midwest, where readings averaged as much as 12 degrees F below normal. Warm, dry weather arrived, however, by week's end, boosting temperatures to 80 degrees F as far north as South Dakota and further reducing soil moisture reserves across the Plains (excluding southern portions of the region) and the Midwest (excluding areas along and south of the Ohio River). During the week, light to moderate precipitation (0.5 to 1.5 inches) was confined to a narrow band from eastern Kansas to Ohio. Farther south, record warmth (up to 9 degrees F above normal) continued across Florida's peninsula, promoting growth of next year's citrus crop but increasing irrigation requirements. Elsewhere in the South, occasional showers from the western Gulf Coast region to the southern Atlantic States slowed spring fieldwork and maintained adequate to excessive soil moisture levels.

On Sunday, daily-record lows in the upper Midwest included -10 degrees F in Wausau, WI, and Minneapolis, MN. High temperatures for March 9 were the lowest on record in locations such as Glasgow, MT (-1 degree F), and Marquette, MI (4 degrees F). Marquette's high was also their lowest on record for the month, breaking the record of 5 degrees F set on March 6 and 11, 1984. Very cold weather continued across the Midwest through March 10, when lows of -5 degrees F in Dubuque, IA, and Madison, WI, set records for the date.

During the mid- to late-week period, however, warm weather resulted in more than 100 daily-record highs across the Plains, Midwest, and West. From March 12-14, Whitman Mission, WA, posted a trio of daily records (68, 74, and 67 degrees F). Farther east, consecutive daily-record highs were noted in locations such as Valentine, NE (74 and 82 degrees F on March 13 and 14), and Salina, KS (81 degrees F on both March 14 and 15). On March 15, highs soared to 85 degrees F in Concordia, KS, and Lincoln, NE. Very warm weather also continued across southern Florida, where Miami noted daily-record highs on March 9, 12, and 15 (88, 87, and 89 degrees F). In contrast, wintry conditions lingered in the Northeast, where daily-record lows on March 14 included -2 degrees F in Montpelier, VT, and -15 degrees F in Massena, NY, their tenth daily-record low of the year. A day later in Maine, daily-record lows were observed in Caribou (-11 degrees F) and Houlton (-19 degrees F).

Stormy weather prevailed for much of the week in the Pacific Northwest, where Seattle, WA, tallied daily-record precipitation totals on March 9 and 12 (0.83 and 0.99 inch). Elsewhere in Washington, rainfall records on March 15 included 0.54 inch in Spokane and 0.55 inch in Walla Walla. Farther south, torrential rains swept across southern California on March 15. Downtown Los Angeles' 4.10-inch rainfall was their second-highest daily total on record in March behind 5.88 inches on March 2, 1938. The daily rainfall also exceeded Los Angeles' normal March rainfall of 3.14 inches and nearly equaled the city's record-low total of 4.42 inches set during the July 2001 - June 2002 water year. Meanwhile in the southern Atlantic region, March 1-17 rainfall totaled 7.21 inches in Alma, GA, and 10.19 inches (472 percent of normal) in Jacksonville, FL.

Mostly dry, cold weather prevailed in Alaska, where temperatures across the eastern half of the State generally averaged 6 to 18 degrees F below normal. Valdez, AK, noted four consecutive daily-record lows (11, 4, 2, and 5 degrees F) from March 11-14. By week's end, however, daily-record warmth returned to southeastern Alaska, where Petersburg's high (54 degrees F on March 15) came just 4 days after a daily-record low of 9 degrees F. Meanwhile, only isolated showers dampened Hawaii, although rainfall became a little heavier and more widespread toward week's end. On March 15-16, 24-hour totals included 1.23 inches in Hana, Maui, and Wainiha, Kauai.

Seasonal rainfall continued along the Pacific coast, while dry conditions prevailed in eastern Washington and Oregon. Across the Rocky Mountain region, pasture condition ratings were much poorer than this time last year, further emphasizing dry conditions. Warmer-than-normal weather across the central Great Plains contributed to advanced growth in wheat and pasture land. Precipitation continued across the Delta and Southeast. Mild, sunny California weather promoted vigorous growth in wheat, barley, oat, and winter forage fields. Pre-plant irrigation and herbicide treatment of corn and cotton fields continued. Fields of alfalfa for hay and seed showed strong development. Fruit and almond trees continued to bloom across the State, and trees displayed new leaves. Swelling buds and newly opened green shoots appeared in many vineyards. Navel orange and lemon harvests continued. Wet conditions slowed vegetable fieldwork in the Central Coast region. Additional rainfall late in the week proved beneficial to foothill pastures. Pasture conditions were good to excellent. Livestock were in good condition, with only minimal supplemental feeding reported. Mild weather descended on most of Texas. The State experienced highs in the 70s and 80s degrees Fahrenheit at the end of the week. The High Plains and west Texas had little or no precipitation. Mild weather allowed some producers to plant corn and sorghum. In the Rio Grande Valley, producers harvested sugarcane, citrus, greens, carrots, and cabbage. Cattle were moved from wheat pastures where wheat will be harvested for grain. Some producers irrigated wheat but sparingly due to high fuel costs. Range and pasture conditions on the plains and Trans Pecos declined quickly due to a lack of moisture. Pasture conditions in other areas of Texas improved as the sun made a welcomed appearance. Hay supplies were beginning to run short in eastern Texas due to consistent rain during the winter. Rain in Florida added moisture to soils in the northern and central peninsula and panhandle counties. Soil moisture supplies were rated short to mostly adequate. Drier conditions allowed some field preparations for corn, soybean, peanut, and cotton plantings. Sugarcane harvest in the Everglades was active. Dry conditions allowed vegetable planting and picking to proceed. Strawberry picking was slowing seasonally. In the panhandle and northern areas, pastures improved following rainfall and warmer weather. Early-season pastures grew at a rapid pace. In central and southwestern areas, range conditions declined due to drought. Statewide, cattle were in fair to good condition. Many citrus growers irrigated on a rotating basis to ensure good tree condition during the bloom cycle.

The next "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin" report will be released after 12 p.m. ET on March 25, 2003. Released March 18, 2003, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin" call Terry P. O'Connor at (202) 720-4288, office hours 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

For additional information, call (202) 720-2397.
Source: NASS USDA Washington, D.C.

CANADIAN FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER						
	Current	Week Ago	Year Ago	03/01/03	03/02/02	%Change
	03/01/03	02/22/03	03/02/02	YTD	YTD	
Cattle:	57,637	54,226	59,330	523,328	528,916	-1.1%
Calves:	4,642	4,240	4,497	39,075	42,125	-7.2%
Sheep:	2,295	3,009	2,598	23,612	21,711	8.8%
Hogs:	436,587	426,697	395,313	3,798,536	3,585,484	5.9%
Source: Agriculture Canada & CANFAX						

WEEKLY AVERAGE WEIGHT OF BARROWS AND GILTS FOR WEEK ENDING: 3/15/2003			
Iowa-Southern Minnesota Direct Hog Reporting Area			
	Week Ending	Head Count	Average Weight
	3/15/2003	436,000	262.9
Week Ago:	3/8/2003	441,000	263.3
Year Ago:	3/16/2002	414,000	263.2
Source: USDA-IA Dept of Ag Market News, Des Moines, Iowa			